GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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INCREASE IN CASES OF PLANE HIJACKING
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a long term policy to check increasing cases of plane hijacking; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) and (b): The following measures have been taken, inter alia, to strengthen security at the airports in order to prevent hijackings and other unlawful interference with civil aviation operations:-

(i) Deployment of Sky Marshals on all routes of scheduled airlines at random basis

(ii) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at all operational airports in a timebound manner

(iii) Deployment of Quick Reaction Teams at major airports

(iv) Strict access control and screening of passengers and their baggage, including at ladder point.